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Center Sponsors "*A Greek Odyssey*" Tour -- July 1992

A three week study tour of Greece sponsored by the ***Center for Modern Greek Studies*** in conjunction with Extended Education at San Francisco State University has been scheduled for the summer of 1992.

The tour will explore the Classical, Byzantine and modern aspects of Greek civilization. In addition to the site visits, there will be a number of opportunities to meet with university students and Greek political and cultural leaders.

In Greece, the tour group will be under the auspices of the ***World Hellenic Organization***. ***WHO***, a sponsor of study tours of Greece, will provide arrangements and a variety of cultural events and informal social gatherings not normally available to the independent traveler.

The program offers academic credit, and is open to students and others who have not had the opportunity to visit Greece, but who would like to do so as more than casual tourists.

Dr. Peter Haikalis, librarian and faculty member at SFSU, and executive committee member of the ***Modern Greek Studies Foundation***, will serve as academic leader. Dr. Haikalis has traveled extensively in Greece, most recently in 1989, when he was awarded a Fulbright Lectureship and served as a library consultant to the University of Crete.

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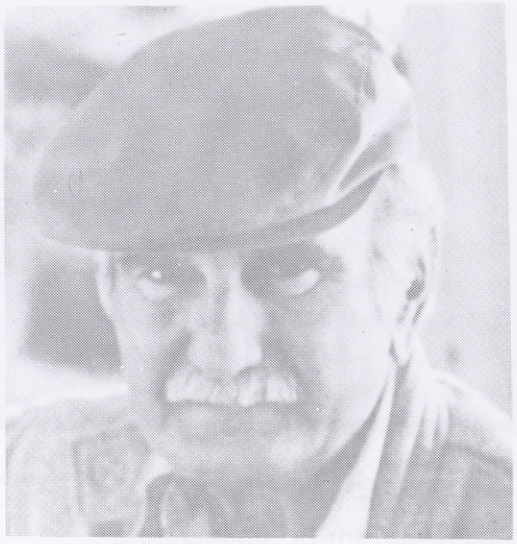
Petrakis at the Kazantzakis Chair, Spring 1992



The time has come at last! ***Harry Mark Petrakis*** has been appointed ***Visiting Professor to the Nikos Kazantzakis Chair*** for the Spring 1992 semester. After three years of planning, then necessary postponing, Mr. Petrakis will teach two courses -- one on Kazantzakis and one on fiction writing in the Creative Writing department -- and will give a series of local and statewide lectures under the auspices of the ***Modern Greek Studies Foundation/ Nikos Kazantzakis Chair***.

*See inside for more on **Petrakis** and the Spring 1992 courses at S.F.S.U.*

SPRING 1992 COURSES AT S.F.S.U.

Greek 251 - Modern Greek II

Second semester Greek, taught by ***Effie Kalafatis***. Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays (12:35-1:50 PM), beginning Jan. 30, 1992.

Greek 470 - Advanced Modern Greek

Instructor: ***Effie Kalafatis***. Class meets Tuesdays (3:35-6:20 PM), beginning Feb. 4, 1992.

Comparative Literature 425 - Kazantzakis

Instructor: ***Harry Mark Petrakis***. Class meets Tuesdays (6:30-9:20 PM), beginning Feb. 4, 1992.

Members of the community are encouraged to enroll through Extended Education. Please call the Center at (415) 338-1892 or the Classics department at (415) 338-2068 for more information.

-- Greece Tour, cont'd

Cost of the tour is $3845 and includes university enrollment, round trip air travel from San Francisco, accommodations in first class hotels, meals, transfers, guides, sightseeing, gratuities and local taxes. A brochure which provides itinerary and registration information at-a-glance is enclosed with this mailing of ***Mandatophoros***. For additional information, please contact Dr. Haikalis (415-338-1392 or 510-540-6618).

NOTE: ***Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Haikalis for his recent election as President of the Hellenic American Professional Society of Northern California!***

Eva Catafygiotu-Topping Lecture in January

On January 31, 1992, feminist and historian, ***Eva C. Topping*** will lecture on Byzantine princess and scholar, ***Anna Comnena***, who wrote the ***Alexiad***. The ***Hellenic American Professional Society of Northern California*** is presenting the event as part of its sponsorship of Greek Letters Week.

The lecture will take place at 7:30 PM, in the Richmond Room of the Church of the Ascension, 4700 Lincoln Avenue, Oakland. Admission is $5 general, $3 for members of ***HAPS*** and $2 for students. Please call Anne Condas at (510) 538-3769 for more information.

Democritos and the Center Co-Sponsor Lectures at Stanford

Democritos Professional Society and the Center recently presented two lectures on the Stanford University campus, with the co-operation of the ***Hellenic Student Association of Stanford*** and ***the Hellenic American Professional Society***.

Neo-hellenist, author and scholar, ***Vassiliki Akritidi***, was guest speaker at the first meeting, which covered the life and literary accomplishments of Modern Greek poet, ***Angelos Sikelianos***.

At the second meeting, ***Mr. T. Peter Limber*** discussed the achievements of Hellenism, with much of his lecture subject drawn from his book, ***Hellenika: Heritage and History***.

Praise and congratulations are due to ***Dr. Harry Lefakis***, President of ***Democritos***, for his expert coordination of these two fine events.

Recent Contributors to the Kazantzakis Chair

Mrs. Helen Kazantzakis

Argolido-Corinthian Society "Herakles"
Cephalonian Society of CA
Daughters of Penelope, Oakland, Echo Chp. #4
Farmer Boy Restaurants
Hellenic University Club, So. CA
Hellenic American Professional Society
Navarino Messenian Society of S.F.
Order of AHEPA, Oakland Chp. #171
Pan-Macedonian Assn. "*Akrites-Neraides*"

Judge Demetrios Agretelis * Mrs. George Alifrangis
M/M Anthony Andrikopoulos * Constantinos Arvanitelis
Catherine Athans * M/M Nicholas Athos * Dr. John Barakos
Chris & Sara Bardis * Elias & Jane Bardis
Stella Bymakos Ross * Dimitri Carapanos * Vasilios Choulos
The Hon. George Christopher * Susan Colbert
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Memorial and Scholarship Fund Contributions

Contributions earmarked for the Memorial or Scholarship Fund will help students participating in the Modern Greek Program at San Francisco State meet a variety of needs -- from tuition, to books, to research funds. A reminder: contributions made in the memory of a family member or friend will automatically go into the scholarship fund, unless otherwise designated. With your donations to the Scholarship fund, financial aid through the Center is possible for deserving students. Send your tax deductible donations to the ***Modern Greek Studies Foundation***.

More on: Petrakis

Harry Mark Petrakis, twice nominated for the National Book Award for fiction, has written six novels, three collections of short stories and an autobiography.

Mr. Petrakis' writing reputation extends beyond Greek-American readers. Captured in his fictional characters and worlds are themes, places and people that appeal to many struggling and dream-filled immigrant-Americans. As a teacher of Creative Writing, he has inspired students and writers. As a lively public speaker, he has enthralled diverse audiences across the United States.

With his reputation as a writer and speaker, Mr. Petrakis will add prestige to the Kazantzakis Chair. ***Dr. Nancy McDermid***, Dean of Humanities at S.F.S.U. and ***Prof. Thanasis Maskaleris***, realizing the honor Mr. Petrakis will bring to the Center, have both worked persistently to secure his appointment to the Kazantzakis Chair.

Members of the community are encouraged to make it known to Mr. Petrakis that they, similarly, appreciate his visit at S.F.S.U. How?: by attending his class on Kazantzakis and his lectures. Such opportunities should not be missed!

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A Room of Petrakis' Own

The Center is actively searching for suitable housing for ***Harry Mark Petrakis*** and his wife, ***Diane***. A small house or two bedroom apartment, furnished, to rent or sublet is needed from the end of January to the end of May, 1992.

We would appreciate information from our readers which would lead to securing housing for Mr. and Mrs. Petrakis. Please call the Center at (415) 338-1892 -- preferably before January 2, 1992. Mr. Petrakis will be visiting the Bay Area at that time, and the Center will be scheduling appointments to look at housing during his brief visit.

Harry Mark Petrakis: A Selected Bibliography

NOVELS

A Dream of Kings — *Days of Vengeance*
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